2019 CMEA
California State
Band and Orchestra Festival
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Friday, April 12, 2019 ~ Weill Hall, Sonoma State University

The California Music Educators Association is proud to present its 6th Annual California State Band and Orchestra Festival, to be held at the Weill Hall on the campus of Sonoma State University on April 12th, 2019. This adjudicated event is open to the finest middle school, junior high and high school concert bands and orchestras from throughout the state.

DATE AND LOCATION
The 6th Annual California State Band and Orchestra Festival will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019 in the Weill Hall, located on the campus of Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California. Junior High/Middle School ensembles will perform during the morning and high school ensembles in the afternoon.

CLASSIFICATION OF BANDS
Depending on the number of entries, high school ensembles will be divided into two classifications based upon school enrollment for this academic school year. CMEA will strive to balance each class and reserves the right to consolidate classes as the need arises. The classifications are as follows:

California State Band and Orchestra Festival Classification
(based on your school enrollment for 2017 - 2018)
- Junior High / Middle - Open (no minimum or maximum)
- Class A 1-1000 students
- Class AA 1001- above students

Please note: High school enrollment (size) must be certified by your school principal through his/her signature on the application form.

PREREQUISITES
Participating groups must have received a Unanimous Superior rating at a CMEA sanctioned festival during Spring Semester of 2018. CMEA sanctioned festivals include festivals hosted by CMEA Sections and also the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA). Participating directors must be members in good standing at both the time of application and festival performance. A recording of your ensemble performing approximately 15 minutes of music with at least two works that best demonstrate the group's abilities. No CDs will be accepted, all recordings must be digital. Recordings and your application must be submitted by Friday, June 1, 2018. All recordings should be submitted to the festival coordinator at keith@echsbands.com via Dropbox, Box.com, or Google Drive.

PARTICIPANT FEE
The participant fee for 2019 is $550 and is due no later than September 30, 2018. No refunds will be given after December 1, 2018. Please make all checks payable to “CMEA”.

PERFORMANCE TIME LIMITS
All performances on stage are limited to twenty five (25) minutes of total clock time. Time begins with the first note of your program and includes breaks between musical selections. At the end of 25 minutes you will be asked to leave the stage, regardless of where you are in your performance.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE ADJUDICATION
Each ensemble participating in the 6th Annual California State Band and Orchestra Festival will receive written and recorded comments from a panel of three (3) prominent adjudicators. You must provide three original scores for each piece your ensemble will perform. If you fail to provide original scores, your ensemble's rating will be lowered one whole rating. This is a noncompetitive festival with only ratings given to each ensemble. Only Superior, Excellent, and Good ratings will be utilized at the sole discretion of the adjudication panel. Final ratings of Unanimous Superior, Superior, Excellent, and Good level will be posted at the festival.

AWARDS/HONORS
Receiving a “Unanimous Superior” Rating at the California State Band and Orchestra Festival is the crowning achievement for ensembles in the state of California. Only the finest ensembles will receive this coveted rating and only at the discretion of the adjudication panel. Each group will receive a special California State Festival plaque to commemorate their success and the experience of performing.